Email from J Thompson 250315

From: Tony Blackburn
Sent: 30 March 2015 10:58
To: 'Jackie Thompson'
Subject: FW: Un-attributable population change, [official correspondence ONS ref 222]

Jackie

The Inspector has asked me to add your correspondence to the examination library (entries PS/F044 will relate) and to forward to the Council for a response as to why the objective assessment of housing need for Bradford included an allowance for UPC. I will expect to add their response to the same run of library entries in due course and, naturally, will bring it to the Inspector's attention.

Thank you.

Tony

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From: Jackie Thompson
Sent: 25 March 2015 17:08
To: Tony Blackburn
Subject: Fwd: Un-attributable population change, [official correspondence ONS ref 222]

Dear Tony

I'm not sure whether the Inspector in Bradford's Local Plan Examination is still accepting information but hope that he can accept this.

It is the reply via the DCLG Minister Kris Hopkins on un-attributable population change that I mentioned when I handed you the note I'd written after speaking to the ONS. It is far more detailed but is consistent with what I handed to you.

The research papers which are linked to the e-mail are very illuminating.

best regards

Jackie Thompson

-----Original Message-----
From: HOPKINS, Kris
To: jabittler
Sent: Wed, 25 Mar 2015 15:21
Subject: FW: Un-attributable population change, [official correspondence ONS ref 222]

Dear Ms Thompson

Below is the response I have received from the ONS regarding your un-attributable population change enquiry.

I trust this is helpful.

Best Regards

Kris Hopkins

From: Denise E Williams **On Behalf Of** Projections@ons.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 25 March 2015 09:58
To: HOPKINS, Kris
Cc: DG
Subject: Un-attributable population change, [official correspondence ONS ref 222]

Dear Mr Hopkins

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2015 regarding issues raised by your constituents about unattributable population change (UPC) and the latest subnational population projections (SNPPs).

Subnational population projections use past trends to project forward the population to give an indication of the future size and age structure of the population for 25 years from the base year if recent demographic trends continued. The projections are not forecasts and do not take any account of future government policies, changing economic circumstances or the capacity of an area to accommodate the change in population. They provide a common framework for local area planning and policy making.

The 2012-based SNPPs have been calculated using the best available evidence. They are based on the estimates of the population at mid-2012 which fully take account of 2011 Census results and use demographic trend data for the 5-6 years preceding 2012. Household projections based on the SNPPs are the starting point for assessing housing needs in drawing up local plans. Local planning authorities will continue to take into account local circumstances in assessing housing need.

UPC is a complex topic and one which ONS consulted on prior to producing its SNPPs. Information about UPC and why it was not included in the 2012-based SNPPs can be found on the ONS website: http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/get-involved/consultations-and-user-surveys/consultations/consultation-on-the-2012-based-subnational-population-projections-for-england/snpp-consult-upc.pdf

This document notes that the UPC can have a significant impact at some age and sex groups in some local authorities, but the impact varies from one local authority to another. It also highlights that the UPC is due to a number of factors including sampling error in the 2001 Census, adjustments made to the population estimates after the 2001 Census, sampling error in the 2011 Census and error in the intercensal migration components. However, it is not possible to calculate the impact of these factors. For instance,

- if the UPC is due to sampling error in either the 2001 Census or 2011 Census, then the components of population change in the projections will be unaffected, and
- if it is due to international migration, it is likely that the biggest impacts will have been seen earlier in the decade and will have less of an impact in the later years, because of improvements introduced to migration estimates in the majority of these years.

Therefore, as we did not have sufficient evidence of the impact that the UPC had on the trend data we decided to make no adjustment for UPC in the SNPPs.

We are aware, however, that planners are hoping for guidance on how they might interpret the SNPPs and household projections specifically in relation to the UPC of an area. The ONS are discussing with the Central and Local Information (CLIP) population subgroup (http://clip.local.gov.uk/lgv/core/page.do?pageId=36553) how this could be achieved.

Yours sincerely

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National Population Projections: http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/npp/national-population-projections/index.html

Subnational Population Projections: http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/snpp/sub-national-population-projections/index.html
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